

**Amendments to the Claims**

Claims 1-35 (canceled).

Claim 36 (currently amended): A composition comprising the isolated polypeptide of ~~claim 8~~ claim 50 and a pharmaceutically suitable excipient.

Claims 37-49 (canceled).

Claim 50 (currently amended). ~~The~~ An isolated polypeptide of ~~claim 8~~, ~~wherein the truncated tryptophanyl-tRNA synthetase polypeptide is a polypeptide consisting essentially of amino acid residues 71-471 of SEQ ID NO:10.~~

Claim 51 (currently amended). The isolated polypeptide of ~~claim 8~~, ~~wherein the truncated tryptophanyl-tRNA synthetase polypeptide is a polypeptide of approximately 47 kD molecular weight~~ claim 50 produced by cleavage of the polypeptide consisting essentially of residues 1-471 of SEQ ID NO:10 with polymorphonuclear leucocyte elastase.